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1 anticipation in rejecting the claims, Applicant amends the independent claims to
2 clarify Applicant's invention in the interest of expediting prosecution.

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4 **Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102**

5 Claims 1-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by
6 the Papaefstathiou reference.

7 Applicant amends the claims in the interest of expediting allowance of the
8 application and without conceding the propriety of the rejections. Applicant's
9 attorney understood the Examiners to agree that the claims as amended overcome
10 the Office's rejection under 102, though the Examiners indicated that they may
11 need to update their search.

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13 **Conclusion**

14 Claims 1-41 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests
15 reconsideration and prompt allowance of the subject application. If any issue
16 remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, the Examiner is
17 requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

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19 Respectfully Submitted,

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